Cheap Chinese goods in Indian market

*200. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Chinese goods are easily available in the Indian markets;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chinese goods are cheap enough to attract Indian customers;

(c) if so, to what extent Indian industries have suffered on account of Chinese goods; and

(d) the steps under consideration to combat the threat posed to our industries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (d) Trade between India and China is conducted as per the Trade Agreement signed in 1984; providing for Most Favoured Nation (MFN) Treatment. Recent data on import from China does not reveal any alarming increase. Further, in case of injury to the domestic industry, on account of unfair trade practices, trade remedial measures exist for affording legitimate protection. While such measures will continue to be imposed in cases where unfair trade practices are detected, the ultimate safeguard lies in Indian industry being competitive.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Workers affected by closing of industries

1196. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the Industrial units closed down during the period 1996 to 2001, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the number of workers affected by the closing down of these units alongwith details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The Labour Bureau, Shimla, under the Ministry of Labour collects information on closure of industrial units covered by Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, and the number of workers affected by the closure. The State-wise and year-wise number of industrial units closed down during the period from 1996 to 2001 and the number of workers affected by the closing down of these units, as per information available with the Labour Bureau, are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

State-wise and year-wise number of industrial unit closed down during 1996 to 2001

State/Union Territory	1996		1997		1998		1999(P)		2000(P)		2001(P)	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Andhra Pradesh	—	—	1	64	—	—	2	114	3	393	—	—
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Assam	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	21	—	—	1	39
Bihar	2	45	2	43	4	219	3	90	—	—	—	—
Goa	2	73	2	71	2	36	4	163	6	326	7	403
Gujarat	11	337	21	848	34	1067	14	272	25	999	43	1353
Haryana	15	880	—	—	2	83	2	187	4	262	1	20
Himachal Pradesh	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	186	5	255
Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Karnataka	—	—	2	159	3	182	3	2237	9	624	7	220
Kerala	1	13	3	53	—	—	9	293	9	367	9	695
Madhya Pradesh	7	588	2	2688	4	274	9	1552	—	—	—	—
Maharashtra	2	87	7	207	1	70	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manipur	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Meghalaya	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mizoram	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagaland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Orissa	7	209	4	352	13	2537	5	350	8	498	2	130
Punjab	1	56	1	19	1	1425	51	8202	1	22	1	91
Rajasthan	9	1294	8	1469	1	350	5	269	4	348	1	49
Sikkim	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tamil Nadu	93	4816	2	176	7	94	2	630	3	737	7	417
Tripura	24	1082	55	3247	42	742	18	139	7	104	7	199
Uttar Pradesh	19	1802	22	3003	38	5190	13	559	31	6356	39	7127
Uttaranchal*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	437
West Bengal	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	463	5	426	—	—
A & N Islands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chandigarh	2	12	—	—	—	—	3	75	—	—	10	150

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Delhi	—	—	2	192	2	607	—	—	—	—	—	—
Daman & Diu	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lakshadweep	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pondicherry	9	96	20	353	21	510	5	91	17	256	6	14
TOTAL:	204	11390	154	12944	175	13386	159	15707	138	11904	151	111599

A = Number of Units closed B = Number of workers affected — = Nil (P) = Provisional

* Labour Bureau has started furnishing data in respect of Uttaranchal from 2001

SOURCE: Labour Bureau, Shimla